Railway	Stations Provided with Chemist Stalls
WESTERN	1. Churchgate 2. Mumbai Central 3. Andheri 4. Balsar 5. Surat 6. Vadodara 7. Ahmedabad 8. Ratlam 9. Indore 10. Ujjain 11. Ajmer

Direct Train Between Nimach/Chittorgarh and New Delhi Via Kota

1237. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister* of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is demand for starting a direct train between Nimach/Chit-tqrgarh and New Delhi via Kota on broad gauge; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) Demands for introduction of a direct train between Nimach/Chittaurgarh and Delhi via Kota have been examined but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

Loss to Railway Property

1238. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether extremist activities in Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Bihar and other disturbed areas have caused colossal loss to the Railway property during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether the position has been re viewed in consultation with the concerned State agencies and any fresh steps initi ated to deal with the problem more effectively; and

(d) the details of the action plan final ised for 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached, (see below)

(c) and (d) As per the Constitution of India, the maintenance of law and order on the Railways is a State subject. There is no specific action plan for 1997-98 to deal with the extremist activities. However, Railways maintain day-to-day liaison as well as hold periodical coordination meetings with the State GRP and Civil Administration of the States concerned and evolve strategics for preventing loss to the Railway property due to extremist activities. Railways also deploy RPF staff for protection of Railway property particularly vital installations of the Railways. Security patrolling of Railway tracks in the vulnerable sections is taken up, whenever threat is anticipated from the extremists.

Statement

(b) The details of losses to Railway property on account of extremist activities (State-wise) during the last three years are as under:—

State	Year (Figure in Rupees)			
	1994	1995	1996	1997
Andhra Pradesh	—	2,07,55,888	2,25,53,600	5,80,96,000
Tamil Nadu		9,21,000	4,12,000	10,00,000
Assam		19,056	2,41,70,520	12,45,000
Bihar			6,78,628	25,00,000
Punjab				
I&K				

Encroachment on Railway Land

1239. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government arc aware that railway lands worth crores of rupees arc being encroached upon in different States;

(b) if so, the estimated acres of railway land encroached upon State-wise; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to remove encroachers and to protect the railway properties?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Information about area of railway land under encroachment is not maintained State-wise but Zone-wise, as Railway zones span over more than one State. The details arc as follows:—

Railway	Area of Railway land under encroachment (in hectares)
Central	64
Eastern	85
Northern	900
N.E. Railway	115
N.F. Railway	304
Southern	83
South Central	84
South Eastern	715
Western	107
	2457

(c) Removal of encroachment on Railway land is a continuous process. Regular inspections arc done by officials to prevent fresh encroachments and these are removed as soon as noticed. Regarding old encroachments, action is taken under PPE Act, 1971.

To prevent encroachment on Railway land, construction of boundary wall and fencing in the vulnerable sections are undertaken. Planting of suitable trees/ shrubs including quick growing thorny trees is also done.

Grievances of travelling public

1240. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Northern Railway has recently taken some measures for ventilation of grievances of travelling public;

(b) if so, the details of such measures;